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 Appl. No. : 09/656,969  
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 For : DISTRIBUTED SERVICE PROVIDER  
 Art Unit : 2154  
 Examiner : ZHONG, Chad

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Total Claims	19	-	20	=	0	x	\$18	=	\$0.00
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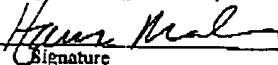
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 10, 2003 and Office Communication  
mailed December 31, 2003 (resetting the term), please amend the above-identified application as  
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